THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Corporation receives export orders under various product groups such as builders hardware, components, hand tools, leather gloves etc.

(b) and (c) As a developmental and promotional body in the field of small scale sector, the Corporation encourages setting up of new small scale units by providing plant & equipment on easy instalments under its hire purchase scheme. It is however left to the entrepreneurs to set up the units for which they have the requisite experience and capability. The Corporation, wherever possible, encourages entrepreneurs and small scale industrialists to set up units to manufacture quality goods having export potential.

Bhakra Beas Management Board

@4542. SHRI KAMA MORARKA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under Punjab Reorganisation Act, Bhakra Beas Management Board was entrusted with the control of Ravi Beas and Sutlej rivers Head works; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing the provision of the Act ?

@Previously unstarred Question 4329 transferred from the Ist September, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) According to Section 79(1) (c) of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the administration, maintenance and operation of the irrigation headworks at Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur is to vest with the Bhakra Beas Management Board. But these headworks have not been transferred by the Government of Punjab to the Bhakra Beas Management Board so far.

(b) A directive was issued by the Central Government in Jan., 1978 directing the Government of Punjab to hand over the control of the headworks of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur to Bhakra Beas Management Board. Subsequently, an Agreement was signed by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the presence of the Prime Minister on 31-12-1981, in which there was a provision regarding measures to ensure equitable distribution of water to all the partner States. Accordingly, Bhakra Beas Management Board has been regularly reviewing the water releases to the various States. All the partner States are represented on the Bhakra Beas Management Board and any complaint about short supplies is taken up by the concerned State Government and sorted out in the Board itself.